



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6717**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section, "school food service employee" means an individual employed  
3 by or pursuant to a contract with a local or regional board of education  
4 who engages in the preparation or service of meals for student  
5 consumption in a school.

6 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Education  
7 shall (1) develop guidelines and best practices for school food service  
8 employees to interact and converse with students in ways that are  
9 respectful and sensitive and support positive associations with food,  
10 and (2) post such guidelines and best practices on the Department of  
11 Education's Internet web site. The Department of Education shall  
12 update such guidelines and best practices as it deems necessary.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) For the school year commencing  
14 July 1, 2024, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional  
15 board of education shall annually provide a copy of the guidelines and  
16 best practices described in section 1 of this act to each school food  
17 service employee employed by or pursuant to a contract with such  
18 board who has regular, direct contact with students.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | New section |

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a), "school meals" was changed to "meals" for clarity.

**KID**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*